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CHAPTER: Health and Safety Services

SUBJECT: Ortheses, Prostheses and
Other Aids to Impairment

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I. POLICY

Medical and dental ortheses, prostheses or other aids to impairment shall be provided to youth when the health of the youth would otherwise be adversely affected, as determined by the responsible physician or dentist.

II. APPLICABILITY

This policy shall apply to all Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) group homes and youth development centers and shall govern the actions of detention centers in complying with applicable sections of DJJPP Chapter 7 (Health Services).

III. DEFINITIONS

Refer to DJJPP 400.

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. The facility Registered Nurse in conjunction with the primary health care provider shall monitor all youth in 24-hour residential programs to assess the need for any medical or dental ortheses or prostheses.
- B. If the monitoring and assessment process identifies a youth in need of ortheses or prostheses, the facility Registered Nurse shall arrange with the primary health care provider or dentist to have the youth fitted with an appropriate device or make a referral to an appropriate provider.
- C. If the need for ortheses or prostheses is beyond the normal tooth or eyeglass type, the facility Registered Nurse shall contact the Medical Director.
- D. A youth may incur replacement costs for an orthesis or prothesis lost or damaged by willful action of the youth. When the health of the youth would be adversely affected without the replacement device, as determined by the responsible health care provider

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or dentist, the replacement device shall be provided and charges applied to the youth's personal account in accordance with procedures outlined in DJJPP Chapter 1 (Use of Non-Governmental Funds).

V. MONITORING MECHANISM

Monitoring shall be accomplished by the primary health care provider, the facility Registered Nurse, the facility dentist, the Medical Director or designee.